

The State of Texas  
County of Harris

Before the undersigned Authority, this  
day personally came James M. Hill and  
William P. Kerr, credible citizens of said State, who being duly  
sworn according to law, declare that they are personally acquainted  
with the identical John. C. C. Hill, whose genuine signature, made  
by his own hand, is signed to his own affidavit made on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
day of January A. D. 1871 before Thomas H. Nelson, Minister of the  
United States of America to the Republic of Mexico, and also to the  
Power of Attorney executed to William Webb on the day aforesaid;  
that they have been acquainted with the said John. C. C. Hill from  
his early childhood and personally know that he was a mem-  
ber of the Mexican Expedition as a private in Capt' William  
M. Eastland's Company in the year 1842; that though not  
members themselves of said Expedition, they have positive in-  
formation that said Hill was taken prisoner by the Mexicans  
at Monterrey together with the other Texans composing said expedition  
and carried to the city of Mexico; that they have no doubt  
that the matters stated by said Hill in his said affidavit are  
true and they personally know that the same John. C. C. Hill,  
who signed said affidavit and Power of Attorney is the identical  
John. C. C. Hill, who was a member of said expedition to Mexico  
and that they also know that said Hill was living in the  
month of November last and verily believe that he is still  
living.

James M. Hill

W. P. Kerr,

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Swear to & subscribed before me as  
notary my hand & seal of office on this  
the 22 day of May A. D 1874

G. J. Zimmerman

Notary Public, County of Harris